interim order permitted the air hostesses to fly upto the age of 58 years.

(b) The Air India management has complied with the direction given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Hon'ble Mumbai High Court has not given any guidelines specifying the health and fitness standards for such duties but merely observed that all the cabin crew (both workmen and executive) shall have to undergo annual medical examination after the age of 35 years and shall also be subject to weight checks at all times irrespective of sex. These checks have been put in place by Air India.

Expansion of Dibrugarh Airport

3080. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for neglecting expansion of Dibrugarh Airport lounges, which are very much congested in comparison to the number of passengers; and

(b) whether Government would consider to improve the airport upto international standard in near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Plans are in hand to construct a new terminal building complex at Dibrugarh airport to cater to 500 passengers at a time with all modern amenities. Necessary sanction has been issued and work is likely to be commenced after acquiring the required land from State Government. Action has already been initiated for extension of the existing runway length to 7500 feet to make this airport suitable for operation of AB-320 type of aircraft. The existing Instrument Landing System at this airport is also proposed to be replaced.